

Board of Appeals Members Present: Bill Fink, Christine Handler, Mark Jalkanen, Supervisor Bruce Petersen

Township Co-Zoning Administrators: Bill Bingham (Present), & John Ollila (Absent)

Public: Mark Jakovic

Came to order at 12:01 P.M.

Bruce Petersen, Supervisor introduced the purpose of the meeting – to review a dimensional variance request for the proposed garage construction affixed to an existing home located at 46640 Main Street, Dodgeville, MI 49921. A side yard dimensional variance is needed – the northwest corner of the proposed garage is within 6’ of the road right-a-way and 26 feet from the centerline.

The issue in further detail was presented by Bill Bingham (Co-Zoning Administrator) to ZBA members. Only one corner of the garage will be outside the 10’ side yard off-set due to the house/garage orientation along Main street. The garage access is off Hildabrant St. Bill acknowledged that the owner was aware of the need to apply for this variance and had made the overture to the Twp.

Several questions were posed by the ZBA and Homeowner:

- Concern for the traffic flow along Hildabrant Street. There is a stop sign at the intersection and there is no visibility/line of sight issues with the proposed garage placement. Homeowner indicated that he was even going to cut down a small pine tree located in his side yard for further unimpeded visibility.
- How long does the homeowner have under this permit to construct? One year from the permit issuance date plus if needed an additional 6 month extension.
- Reviewed further the proposed dimensions and garage placement on the lot.
- This signed variance will be conveyed to the Houghton Co. Bldg. Dept. so they can issue a building permit.

ZBA decision: Approve the variance – Bill Fink Moved; Mark Jalkanen seconded to approve the variance. All members present voted in favor of approving the side yard variance.

Adjourned at 12:20 P.M.